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Illegal water pipes discovered

Digging as part of Irwin Road works exposes underground pipes illegally laid to supply water to areas on either side of the road

Mysuru, Dec.15 (BCT)- Leakage and pilferage apart, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has been struggling to regularise unauthorised water connections in city. At almost every MCC Council meeting, the issue of illegal water connection crops up where stringent action is sought against violators but nothing is done on the ground. As such, the illegality has thrived over the years, uninterrupted, burning a hole in MCC's coffers.

However, such illegal connections are bound to be unearthed one day or the other like it happened while the MCC was undertaking digging work to widen the Irwin Road. During digging, the officials of Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) found a vast network of illegal water connections. VVWW is the water supply wing of the MCC and the civic body is undertaking the road widening works in coordination with various agencies.

Many parallel connections and interconnected pipes were discovered and all of them drew water from the main authorised water pipeline. Shockingly, the illegal pipelines have been laid parallel to the main line and they have been buried under earth till now.

File photo of ongoing Irwin Road widening works.

This was brought to public purview by Mohammad Fauzulla Mustaffa, Assistant Executive Engineer of VVWW, at the virtual talk-cum-interaction on 'Recent trends in water supply management by VVWW in Mysuru' organised by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) on Dec.13.

Interlinked illegal network

The Engineer revealed that there was a vast network of illegal connections in the city centre. "We were baffled to discover parallel lines next to our legal supply network. Three to four lines were discovered and those had many supply links and when they were mapped, they were not found in the water supply maps of VVWW. The water, however, was drawn from the legal line. We do not know when the illegal network was laid and under whose supervision the work was done," he told the participating citizens.

On discovery of the illegal network, the VVWW acted swiftly and removed the pipes that supplied water. "We have blocked water supply now and clearing the area of all illegal lines besides undertaking systematic works. We are on the watch for any illegal connections and will fix tamper-proof meters," he said.

Form Vigilance Squads

MGP members insisted that VVWW must form Vigilance Squads to independently check existence of any illegal connections and bring to light all such cases for legal action and penalties.

To a question on how water bill dues are recovered from rural areas surrounding Mysuru, Fauzulla Mustaffa said that as water to such areas was being supplied in bulk, unlike the slab rates of Mysuru city, Gram Panchayats are charged less and despite this, more than Rs. 35 crore is yet to be realised from them. The matter is under discussion in the Council, he informed.

(See PIPES on page 7)

112 - One Nation, One Number

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta flagging off 112 'Emergency Response Police Vehicle' at his office premises in Nazarbad last evening. DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Geetha Prasanna and Shivaraju (CAR), Mounted Police Commandant M.G. Nagaraj and others were present.

How to avail this service?

- **Call 112**
- **Send SMS to 112**
- **Send e-mail to:** *erss112ktk@ksp.gov.in*
- **Send request to:** *www.ka.ners.in*
- **Send request through mobile app: "112 INDIA"**
- **For panic alert, long press '5' or '9' in normal (keypad) phone or press '3' or '5' on smartphones.**

Mysuru, Dec.15 (SSV)- Henceforth, you need not dial different telephone numbers to avail any emergency services as the Government of India has launched Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), a Pan-India single number (112) based emergency response system for citizens in emergencies.

This service was launched in Mysuru city last evening by Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, who flagged of the 'Emergency Response Police Vehicle' in the premises of Police Commissioner's Office in Nazarbad.

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 15th December 2020

Ph.D awarded to JSS Dental College faculty

Dr. Meenakshi *Dr. Chandan* *Dr. Prashanth* *Dr. Nagabhushana*

Mysuru, Dec. 15- The following faculty of JSS Dental College and Hospital, Mysuru, have been awarded Ph.D. in Dentistry at the 11th Convocation of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) recently.

Dr. S. Meenakshi, Senior Lecturer, Department of Prosthodontics Crown & Bridge was awarded Ph.D for her thesis titled "Development and Evaluation of Polyherbal formulation for antifungal activity in Geriatric Denture wearers." She was guided by Dr. Anil Kumar Gujjari, Professor and former Dean, Prosthodontics, JSS Dental College and Dr. D.V. Gowda, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmaceutics, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru.

Dr. S. Prashanth, Reader, Department of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry, was awarded Ph.D for his thesis titled "Histomorphometric changes in the dental pulp of deciduous teeth during different stages of resorption" under the guidance of Dr. B Nandlal, Professor and HoD, Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry, JSS Dental College.

Dr. S.N. Chandan, Reader, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, completed his Ph.D thesis titled "Inferior alveolar nerve dysfunction in mandibular fractures and its effect on quality of life" under the guidance of Dr.Sujeeth Kumar Shetty, Professor, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, JSS Dental College. Dr. Nagabhushana Doggalli, Reader, Department of Oral Medicine & Radiology, got Ph.D for his thesis "Estimation of age among Mysore population using demirjian's technique on right lower mandibular teeth." He was guided by Dr. B.M. Balaraj, Professor, Community Medicine, JSS Medical College.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Many months ago, I had read this mind-stirring story, which makes my mood go all mushy and melancholic even now, on recalling. It seems, a man, who'd have procured a plush car, by paying a prodigious amount, would be perpetually taking profound care of his prized possession. Once, when he'd be scrupulously cleaning his swanky vehicle, his six-year-old son, suddenly sprints in, and surreptitiously starts scribbling something, on the car's side-surface, using a sharp stone. The instant the man sees his son's impish prank, he gets inundated by ire and indignation. Then taking a wrench, he starts whacking on his ward's right-hand wrist till the latter, writhing in pain, starts wailing loudly. Deeply regretting his ruthless action, he rushes the child to a nearby hospital, only to realise he'd have caused irrevocable damage to the child's fingers, which were irretrievable.

The man feels his soul, splintering to smithereens, when his son softly asks him, "Dad, will my fingers grow back"? On returning home, he collapses and cries hysterically, as he casts his eyes on what the child had carved on the car-surface. Lo! It'd be – "Love you Dad!" He painfully realises how all his priorities and perspectives in life were palpably misplaced. When 'things' are meant to be 'used', and 'people' are to be 'loved'; he was busy 'loving' lifeless things, and 'using' living humans, to his personal gain. Incidentally, there are many of us, looking for that 'utility value' in our relations with people. We amass wealth, instead of amassing blessings from others. — *Meera Seshadri in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

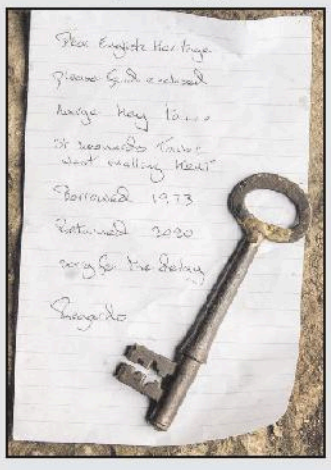
Pet rabbit loves watching TV, has own bedroom

North Lincs: Jester, the giant rabbit is so big he has his own bedroom in his owner's home. He even sits on the sofa with her, watching 'Strictly Come Dancing' on BBC.

Lyn , 60, from Scunthorpe, North Lincs, said "Jester is the best pet anyone could wish for. His character is absolutely lovely, he's very loving, calm and well-behaved. I love him so much and so spoil him rotten, he's like a child to me really. he has three beds to rest his huge head, including one in his own room."

Jester is a Continental Giant, also known as a German Giant, a large breed of rabbit. The retired chef, who lives with husband Peter, bought Jester last year, when he was just a few weeks old. She has since toilet trained him so that he can live in the house as opposed to in a hutch outside.

Key missing for 50 years reappears with apology note



Kent: A key which opened the doors of an 11th Century tower has been returned 47 years later with a note saying: "Sorry for the delay."

The identity of the sender remains mystery - but charity English Heritage has appealed them to come forward. besides offering the 'borrower' free membership if they come forward.

It still fits in the original keyholes at St Leonard's Tower, a Norman tower in Kent, although it no longer rotates. The Tower, which was built between 1077 and 1108.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Regular exercise can help kids and teens build strong bones. Later in life, it can also slow the loss of bone density that comes with age. Doing muscle-strengthening activities can help you increase & maintain your muscle mass and strength.

By Aruna Selvi - Department of Physiotherapy

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	56
Total positive cases	:	51,469
Discharges yesterday	:	56
Total discharges	:	50,086
Deaths yesterday	:	2
Total deaths	:	1,006
Total active cases	:	377

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	21
Total positive cases	:	19,060
Total discharges	:	18,683
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	230

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	7
Total positive cases	:	6,561
Total discharges	:	6,337
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	97

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	34
Total positive cases	:	5,505
Total discharges	:	5,306
Total deaths	:	68
Total active cases	:	131

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	29
Total positive cases	:	27,558
Total discharges	:	26,826
Total deaths	:	388
Total active cases	:	344

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Bus driver to passenger: *Don't you want to sit down?*
Passenger: *No, I am in a hurry!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.65
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.24
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.05
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.45

VOICE OF THE READER

Honest pensioners subjected to avoidable hardships

Sir,

This is with reference to the letter on Pensioners' Life Certificate *(SOM* dated Dec.8). My experience in this regard has been much more harrowing.

On my visit to the concerned Bank Branch, the official declined to accept my filled in prescribed form and asked me to approach the Post Office or Common Service Centre (CSC) near to my residence.

The Post Office staff visited my residence after 2-3 calls. He struggled with each of my 10 fingers twice to get the finger prints without success. He spent nearly 40 minutes. Ultimately, he gave up and asked me to submit my filled in form to the Bank as it is allowed this year and then to get my Aadhaar updated at Karnataka/MysoreOne Centre.

The Bank official could have saved me, an aged man (86+) one more trip to the Bank.

As suggested in this column on Dec. 8, the digital signature is brought into force perhaps for avoiding frauds. Does this mean all these years, fraud in pension disbursement has been widespread? If so, it must have been with the connivance of the officials of the Bank. It does also mean that Government or Bank authorities have been silent spectators. Now, the honest pensioners are subjected to avoidable hardships like this.

In these circumstances, it is suggested that aged pensioners (say 70+) may be given the option of following either of the old procedure or the new procedure (digital/biometric one) for providing the Life Certificate once a year.

—H.S. Nagaraj

Jayanagar
11.12.2020

Lifting pandemic gloom with Festive Cheer of Cake-Mixing

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Masks and sanitisers may be here to stay for some time, but those needn't stop us from celebrations and cheering up. In the run up to Christmas festivities, *Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel,* Mysuru, kick-started the excitement with a cake-mixing ceremony recently.

Owing to safety concerns and stringent protocols put in place, the ceremony had only the hotel staff in attendance, unlike the previous years that attracted the who's who of the city's social circle to the annual event.

Armed with gloves, aprons, and masks, the team gathered around a large table. Arranged on it, in vibrant shapes of stars and trees, were 50 kgs of chopped, grated and sliced dried fruits — cherries, dates and plums. The participants mixed all that together into a sugary sweet batter. The cake will be baked and distributed during Christmas season.

"Though we didn't have social figures and guests owing to safety concerns, the excitement was hardly muted. It was a truly uplifting experience for the team," said S. Vijay, Director of Sales at the hotel.

He also mentioned that the hotel has been attracting a steady stream of guests ever since the hotel reopened post lockdown, thanks to the stringent 20-step safety protocol implemented across all touch points.

Face-to-face sessions at AIISH

To train pre-school children with communication disorders

Mysuru, Dec. 15- The Department of Special Education, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, has been carrying out online training sessions for more than 200 children with various communication disorders since March 2020 prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation.

The Department will be providing face-to-face sessions for training pre-school children with various communication disorders from today (Dec.15). The Standard Operational Protocols (SOPs) will be followed during the sessions and training period.

Initially it is planned to start the session only for clients residing in Mysuru. The needy individuals can utilise the services by consulting the Department on Ph: 0821- 2502565, 2502566 and 250569 from Monday to Friday between 9 am and 5.30 pm, according to a press release from A.R. Keerthi, PRO, AIISH.

Mysore Elite Ladies Circle -141 takes up charity works

Mysore Elite Ladies Circle-141 Charitable Trust has done various charitable activities such as donation of garbage truck to COVID warrior for safe disposal of waste, 100 plus sarees to Shaktidhama, two-wheeler for specially abled, helped in cancer treatment for a kid at HCG Hospital and treatment of pregnant lady, supported Pinjrapole in taking care of animals in their shelter and organised blood donation camp. Seen in the picture are Cr. Ashwini, Chairperson, Mysore Elite Ladies Circle India, Cr. Dr. Priyanka Ravikumar, Chairperson, Area 13 Ladies Circle India, Tr. Dr. S. Ravikumar, Chairman, Area13 Round Table India, Tr. Dinesh, Chairman, Round Table India, Suresh, Palace Honda Mysore, Tablers of Mysore Elite Round Table-256 and Circlers of Mysore Elite Ladies Circle-141.

'Fair Price Promise' from Malabar Gold & Diamonds

Bengaluru, Dec. 15- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the leading gold and diamonds jewellery retail chains in the country, introduces *Malabar Fair Price Promise* as part of its commitment to customers. The initiative focuses on assigning reasonable making charges to a vast range of gold products.

The move is seen as an extension of the uniform pricing policy – "One India One Gold Rate" – introduced by the brand recently which offers the benefit of a Single Rate of gold to the customers across India.

Commenting on the new initiatives, M.P Ahammed, Chairman - Malabar Group said, "Fair Price Promise is our reaffirmation to providing value-for-money propositions to all our esteemed customers. Many customers had expressed the concern that the actual price paid for a piece of jewellery was not the same since the discount offered to the customers depended upon their negotiation. We wanted to address this concern and bring in the necessary transparency. By introducing the Malabar Fair Price Promise and assigning making charges on products starting at 4.9% onwards, the pricing becomes the same for all and our customers need not spend their valuable time in unnecessary stressful bargaining."

O. Asher, MD – India Operations, Malabar Group, too was confident that customers will see this as yet another customer centric move on behalf of the brand.

"All our jewellery comes with many assurances on the quality front such as assured buyback, free insurance, 100% hallmarked gold, tested & certified products, responsible sourcing, lifetime maintenance etc., which others in the market may not be able to offer," he said.

Young Indians Mysuru Virtual Internship Fair-2020

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Young Indians (Yi) Mysuru, an integral part of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Mysuru Zone, has initiated an internship connect platform online. The portal *www.ciiyiinternship.tech* is created to connect Mysuru industries to Mysuru students who are aspiring to pursue internships at various companies in city.

Dr. Pradeep Manjunath, Chairperson of Yi Mysuru, has in a press release stressed the importance for students to have mandatory industry exposure before starting their career at various Companies. Students should benefit from applying to internship opportunities provided by Companies and pursue their 3 to 6 months internship before joining full-time employment, he added.

This portal can be accessed by Companies to post their internship requirements and students need to apply for the same in order to use the opportunities by registering their credentials.

Furthermore, companies will carry out the selection process from the applied candidates' list.

This opportunity is presented throughout the year to students and companies, to carry with the selection process. For details call Ph: 0821 - 2516319 or 2517003.

NEWS BRIEFS

CESC public grievances meet

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has organised a public grievances meet for consumers of Ramakrishnagar Sub-Division limits tomorrow at 11 am at the Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, which will be chaired by the Executive Engineer of Ramakrishnagar Division. Power consumers coming under the said CESC office are appealed to participate in this programme and air their grievances, according to a press release from CESC.

Annual General Body Meeting

The 11th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Parivarthana Vividhoddesha Mahila Souharda Sahakari Sangha, will be held on Dec. 17 at 10 am at the Sahakara Sankeerna on Chamaraja Double Road. Sangha President K.S. Lalitha will preside.

Deadline extended

Following directions from the UGC, the city's SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (Autonomous), Jayalakshmipuram, has extended the deadline for admission to Skill-based Professional Certificate and Diploma courses to Dec. 31. The admission is open for PUC passed students, according to a release.

Online Matrimonial Meet on Dec. 20

JSS Vivaha Vedike will be holding an online matrimonial meet of prospective brides and bridegrooms at 11 am on Dec.20 at its office located in JSS Mahavidyapeetha premises. Participation is restricted to only those who have registered with the Vedike. However, those who have not registered, too can register on the spot and participate. For details, call Ph: 0821-2430322 or Mob: 96110-70674.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	119.90 ft
Yesterday	119.95 ft
Inflow	2,530 cusecs
Outflow	3,068 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.43 ft
Inflow	513 cusecs
Outflow	450 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,825.39 ft
Inflow	217 cusecs
Outflow	660 cusecs

Tenders floated for first phase of Hale Unduwadi Water Project

Land deadlock resolved; civil works likely to begin from March next year

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RK&BCT)- After over eight years when the Hale Unduwadi Drinking Water Project was first mooted, tenders have finally been called early this month for the first phase of works. It is an estimated Rs. 540 crore project and the first phase will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 350 crore.

This project will get Cauvery water from Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam backwaters instead of the present practice of lifting water from the canals. The project is designed to take care of Mysuru's water needs at least for 100 years.

The tenders have been floated by the Water Board and the financial bids have been uploaded in an app developed by the Board to ensure transparency.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Water Board Executive Engineer Jayanna said that qualified contractors have been invited for the financial bids and the bidding process would continue till January-February 2021 and the civil works is likely to begin in March.

"Since it is a mega project, the State Government is directly involved and it will award the tenders based on bids. It is one of the biggest drinking water supply project in South India where over 92 villages — a majority of them located in Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency — will get pure drinking water," he explained.

GTD's pet project

The project was first mooted by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) and former MLA Vasu when Siddharamaiah was the CM. Later when H.D. Kumaraswamy assumed power in coalition Government, Rs. 50 crore was sanctioned in the budget. Now the tender has been floated under the BJP Government.

It will be a project that will be jointly implemented by the Water Board, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB), Zilla Panchayat, Rural Water Supply Board and Karnataka Housing Board (KHB).

Once the project is implemented, the city and its neighbouring villages will get 300 Million Litres per Day (MLD) water from River Cauvery. This would be in addition to 250 MLD being supplied to the city at present.

Unhindered water supply

By implementing the Hale Unduwadi project, the State Government wants to ensure unhindered supply of water from the KRS Dam even when the water at the reservoir reaches the Dead Storage Level of 74.76 ft. The maximum level is 124.80 ft.

At present, if there is a drinking water crisis in Mysuru, Cauvery water is pumped from the backwaters. But the drawback here is that the pumping stations need to wait for water release from the Dam as they are located downstream of the Dam. Four pumping units that supply water to the city have a total capacity of 265 MLD and are prone to going dry if water level drops below the dead storage level. In the new project, water is drawn directly from the Dam.

As per the requirement of the MCC, MUDA had sanctioned land at Beechanakuppe and over 90 acres were allotted. The land is situated at a height and will conveniently pump drinking water to the city. The plan is to pump water from the backwaters at Hale Unduwadi, located 2 kilometres from KRS Dam, and supply it to Beechanakuppe, where a water treatment plant will be built.

Jackwell system

Under the project, raw water will be drawn from the KRS backwaters at Hale Unduwadi through a jackwell. It is a structure used to collect water from rivers and reservoirs that convey it further to the water treatment plant. The structure is masonry or concrete structures. From the jackwell, the water will reach Beechanakuppe treatment plant.

After treatment, water will be pumped to Master Balancing Reservoir (MBR) at Vijayanagar Second Stage and the High Level Reservoir (HLR) at Yadavagiri from where it is supplied to different parts of the city.

Land hurdles clear

The main hurdle for the project was the deadlock between the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) and other project implementing Government agencies like MCC and MUDA. The KIADB wing of Mandya acquired 290 acres of land at Beechanakuppe — including the 90-acre land that was meant for the Hale Unduwadi project — and allotted to a realtor to build a satellite township.

After the land acquisition, KIADB created sites in the vicinity and sold a large chunk of it to the realtor who has paid the amount and was legally on solid grounds thereby resulting in a deadlock. The matter was resolved at the Government level and alternative land was given to the KIADB satellite township. The reclaimed land was later entrusted to KUWSDB to implement the drinking water project.

Won't play any role in GP polls, says MLA G.T. Devegowda

G.T. Devegowda

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that Gram Panchayat (GP) polls are not fought on party symbols, Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda said that he will not play any role in the forthcoming GP elections.

Speaking to presspersons after taking part in a programme at Kalamandira on Sunday, Devegowda said that the three major parties — BJP, Congress and JD(S) and all other parties for that matter cannot contest the polls on party symbols. With the GP polls being held on a non-party basis, even the Deputy Commissioner has asked the political parties not to interfere in the GP polls in any ways.

The MLA asserted that he is not going to be the party in-charge for either Chamundeshwari or Hunsur Assembly segments.

Meanwhile, Chamundeshwari Block JD(S) President Raju quit the post on Sunday, citing negligence of MLA G.T. Devegowda by the top party leaders. He said that he will follow which political action that the MLA will take.

Even as GTD is playing truant with party leaders, K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh met G.T. Devegowda at Jaladarshini Guest House on Sunday and held talks with him for some time in a bid to end the reported differences between G.T. Devegowda and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Persons involved in theft cases paraded

Activity as part of Crime Prevention Month

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (BCT)-The Narasimharaja Sub-Division of City Police conducted an identity parade of people (property thieves) who were involved in crimes in different areas. The parade was conducted yesterday at the open space in the Mysore Central Jail premises as part of Crime Prevention Month that is observed in December.

The aim of conducting the identity parade was to keep officials of all the Police Stations abreast with the background of the history-sheeters and at the same time warned history-sheeters of punitive action in case they continue with crime.

These people were involved in theft cases in V.V. Puram, Jayalakshmipuram, Vijayanagar, Hebbal and Metagalli and were from by Narasimharaja and Mandi Mohalla Police limits.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna warned the criminals that henceforth they must not be a part of thefts, robberies, dacoities and any such crimes.

She told them that already several cases were lodged against them and they will be dealt with an iron fist in case they repeat any offences or directly or indirectly support any crime. She also warned that the jurisdictional Police were tracking all their movements and activities.

Narasimharaja Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar told them that it was not possible to be rich after committing thefts and burglaries.

"The long arm of law will catch up sooner or later. But once you enter the profession, the brand name of a 'thief' or 'burglar' will haunt you till death and even your family members have to live with the blemish," he said.

Mentioning that simple thefts would normally lead to bigger crimes like murder, the ACP narrated the incident that occurred in 2016 in Metagalli Police limits where three persons snatched the mobile phone worth Rs. 5,000 from a passer-by.

"During the theft, the trio killed the victim and the three persons have been convicted and jailed for life," he said.

Metagalli Inspector A. Mallesh administered the paraded persons an oath where they swore that they will not indulge in any criminal activities or in any activities that violate the law, directly or indirectly and become good citizens.

Narasimharaja Sub-Division Inspectors Cheluvegowda, Arun, Narayanaswamy and Azaruddin were present.

Car accident by minor boy

Father remanded to judicial custody, minor son sent to Remand Home

Mysuru, Dec. 15 - A minor boy, who was behind the wheels of a car that killed three of a family on Thursday night, has been sent to the Boys Remand Home while his father has been remanded to judicial custody for allowing his minor son to drive the car.

The minor boy's father, who is working as an Assistant Sales Manager of a car company, had brought the demo car to give trial to customers, but had allegedly given the car to his minor son to drive, resulting in the minor boy ramming the car into a bike coming from the opposite direction near Dandi Maramma Temple on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway killing three persons of a family on Thursday night.

N.R. Traffic Police, who had registered a case under IPC Section 304, had arrested boy and also arrested the father of the minor boy for giving the car to his minor son to drive. While the minor boy has been sent to the Boys Remand Home, his father has been remanded to judicial custody.

According to Traffic rules, it is a criminal offence to give vehicles to minors and to those who do not have Driving License. If a minor driving a vehicle commit an accident resulting in death, a case will be registered against the accused under IPC Section 304 (Punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder.).

As per Supreme Court's order, case will be registered against the owner of the vehicle for allowing a minor to drive or ride a vehicle and the vehicle will be seized. The law states that even if accident does not take place, a case will be registered by the Police against the vehicle owner for allowing a minor to drive the vehicle.

Senior Police Officials have asked the Traffic Police to strictly follow the above law and hence vehicle owners are advised not to give their vehicles to minors nor to those who do not have Driving License. In case a minor driving a vehicle commit an accident resulting in death, vehicle owner will be jailed, said a senior Police Officer to *Star of Mysore*.

Applications invited for Yoga Guest Faculty

Mysuru, Dec. 15- City's KSGH Music and Performing Arts University has invited applications from candidates for appointment as Guest Faculty to teach one-year evening PG Diploma Course in Yoga. The appointment will be through walk-in interview at 11.30 am on Dec.18 at the University Office located on JLB Road, Lakshmipuram. The applicants must have a M.Sc degree in Yoga, with a minimum teaching experience of five years. For details, call Ph: 0821-2419443/ 2402141.

Ekalavyanagar residents pour out civic woes before Police

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (BCT)- An interaction with Dalits was organised by Metagalli Police at the residential complex built under JnNURM at Ekalavyanagar on Dec. 13 where the residents poured out their woes.

The interaction was held under the leadership of Metagalli Police Inspector A. Mallesh, Sub-Inspector K. Vishwanath and Dalit community leaders Nanjappa Basavanagudi, Ningaraj Malladi and Puttalakshmamma.

Inspector Mallesh asked the residents of the housing complexes to keep their surroundings clean and called upon men not to fall to vices like consuming alcohol. "You must ensure that children get good education and at the same time keep a watch on their progress socially and educationally. Do not allow them to take part in fights and advise them to abide by the law. Live in a harmonious manner and maintain a cordial relationship with neighbours and people living in other areas," he said.

The Police Officer called upon the residents to keep an eye on anti-social and criminal activities and inform the Police about them. "Join hands with the Police to fight the evil of crime in the society," he appealed.

Participating in the interaction, Dalit community members and general public aired a host of civic problems bothering their locality. There are no pure drinking water units at Ekalavyanagar even though the area is thickly populated. "We need Anganawadi Kendra, fair price shops. There is no regular clearance of garbage and sometimes the whole area stinks," residents complained.

They also demanded the Mysuru City Corporation to issue title deeds for their houses and set up drinking water tubs for livestock. They also urged authorities to take steps to clear many loan applications that have been submitted by the residents.

Listening to their woes, the Police assured them that they will bring the issues to the attention of departments concerned.

Some pension withdrawals affected due to Bank mergers

Railway Pension Adalat held in city; Bankers seek time to resolve issues

Pension Adalat held at Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager's Office this morning *(Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna)*

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RK&BCT)- The technical glitches faced by Railway pensioners due to merger of banks will be sorted out within 15 or 20 days. After the process is complete, pensioners can have the choice of their banks and changes can be made online, said Bank Officers who were hearing the grievances of Railway pensioners in city this morning.

A Railway Pension Adalat of South Western Railway was organised at Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager's Office this morning as part of the Nationwide programme today where the grievances of Railway pensioners were heard.

Airing their problems, pensioners said that they have not been able to withdraw their pension amount from their bank accounts as several smaller nationalised banks have been merged with bigger banks. Railway personnel who retired during 2019-2020 are facing this problem, they said.

Listening to the grievances, Officers from certain banks assured the pensioners that they were looking into the issues that have arisen after the merger of banks. It will take around 15 to 20 days for the back-end teams to sort out all the issues. Once the glitches are rectified, pensioners can have the bank of their choice to receive pensions and changes can be made online, they said.

The remaining cases that cropped up during the Adalat were related to salary deduction and refund. These issues too were sorted out after Additional Divisional Manager Devasahayam asked Railway Officers to look into the complaints individually.

Over 35 pensioners had registered for today's Adalat and eight of them attended. The rest of the issues are being followed up by SWR Pensioners Association office-bearers. Senior Divisional Personnel Officer Prashanth Mastiholi, Divisional Personnel Officer Mayaganna, Divisional Finance Manager Subramanya, Railway Pensioners Association President Parthasarathi, Secretary Swaminathan and others were present.

Mission Hospital offers free dialysis till Dec. 31

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (KS)- CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, popularly known as Mission Hospital, as part of Christmas, has offered free dialysis for the poor and needy patients till Dec. 31 at its premises on Sawday Road, Mandi Mohalla here.

Hospital Director Vincent Palanna, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning said that poor and needy patients can avail this facility from 7 am to 6 pm daily. The hospital can cater to 20 dialysis patients per day, he said and added that no patient will be sent back if he/she requires emergency dialysis.

Continuing, he said that all the Departments at the hospital are functioning now and added that new Departments and free dental consultation to children studying up to 10th standard will be introduced from Jan. 2021. He has urged the public to make use of this facility too. For details, contact the Hospital on Ph: 0821-4007000, 2521650 or 4266370-73.

112-One Nation, One Number: How it functions?

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- Once request is received at Public Safety Answering Point, the digital map of the service-seeker is located and the request is forward to concerned District or City Coordination Centre (Control Room) from where Emergency Response Police Vehicle will rush to the spot through GPS tracking of person concerned.
- Service request and Emergency Response Police Vehicle number is sent through SMS to service-seeker.
- As many as 20 Ertiga vehicles are ready to provide this service to citizens. Each vehicle will have an Assistant Sub-Inspector or Head Constable.
- Control Room and Public Safety Answering Point will function 24x7 on all 365 days. Citizens can avail this service at any time.
- Emergency complaints can be logged online.
- Emergency services can also be accessed online by logging on to the ERSS website. On the ERSS website, you can either send an emergency e-mail.
- 112 Helpline provides a special 'SHOUT' feature for women and children, which alerts registered volunteers close to the victim for immediate assistance.
- 112 Emergency Helpline also provides immediate assistance to services like Police (100), Fire (101), Health (108), Women's Safety (1090) and Child Protection (1098). However, all these existing numbers to avail the emergency services will continue.

The City Police Commissioner has requested the citizens to avail this service during any emergency or crisis.

High drama in Council as Congress MLCs heckle, unseat Dy. Chairman

'Elders' end up in fist-fighting and hurling abuses

Bengaluru, Dec.15 (SSV)- The Karnataka Legislative Council, which is considered as the House of Elders, witnessed a new low as its members pushed, pulled and abused each other this morning.

High drama prevailed as Congress members physically dragged Deputy Chairman S.L. Dharmegowda (JD-S) from the Chairman's Chair in a bid to prevent Council Chairman K. Pratapachandra Shetty (Congress) from presiding over today's proceedings.

The Special Council Session was called today to get the Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill passed in the Upper House as the State Government ended the Legislative Session last Thursday. Under the garb of the Bill, the BJP had planned to unseat Pratapachandra Shetty by moving a no confidence motion against him.

Accordingly, Dharmegowda of the JD(S) occupied the chair before Shetty arrived. This angered the Congress as Dharmegowda would have allowed the no-confidence motion against Shetty to be taken up.

The standing procedure has been switching on the bell till the minimum number of members is present inside the House. Later, the bell is stopped and this is when the Chairman enters the Hall to preside. A section of BJP and JD(S) members had blocked the door from which the Chairman enters the Hall.

But Congress MLCs led by C. Narayanaswamy and Srinivas Mane forced Dharmegowda out of the chair by pulling him, even as the BJP tried to stop this. In the melee, MLCs were seen fist-fighting and hurling abuses. Slogans were raised and papers were torn. The Council Marshals could do little as MLCs were too enraged.

Having physically removed Dharmegowda from the chair, Congress' Chandrashekar Patil occupied it with the party's MLCs standing guard. They wanted Shetty to occupy it, even as BJP MLCs protested. Finally, Shetty managed to trudge past the pushing and shoving. "I am adjourning the session *sine die*," he said and left.

Before the session began, Opposition Leader in the Legislative Assembly and CLP Leader Siddharamaiah held a meeting with his party MLCs and adopted a strategy to prevent the BJP-JD(S) combine from hijacking today's proceedings.

Today's session was convened under the pressure of State government. Shetty had similarly adjourned the session *sine die* on Dec. 10, following which the BJP had petitioned the Governor.

Adivasis seek inner reservation at Tribal Meet

Mysuru, Dec.15 (RKB&DM)- A round table conference on seeking inner reservation in jobs and education for *Adivasis* and implementation of Muzaffar Assadi Report was held at the Freedom Fighters' Park in Subbarayanakere Grounds here this morning. The conference was organised under the aegis of Budakattu Moolanivasigala Jagruta Vedike.

Speaking after inaugurating the conference, senior writer Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara said that *Adivasis*, who are considered as an indigenous tribe of the Indian sub-continent, are nature's children. Pointing out that *Adivasis* (indengeous tribal communities) are lagging far behind in terms of education and development, he said that providing inner reservation in jobs and education will help the tribal communities in coming to the mainstream society.

Noting that University of Mysore faculty and activist Prof. Muzaffar Assadi has submitted a report to the Government on the socio-economic status of tribal communities after thorough studies and research, Prof. Kalegowda wondered what was hindering the Government in implementing the recommendations of the report, which is vital for tribal upliftment.

Accusing politicians of showing disregard for the report, he urged the Government to understand the status of *Adivasis* and take measures for announcing inner reservation and implementation of Assadi Report.

Former UoM faculty Prof. B.P. Maheshchandra Guru, Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike President K.S. Shivaram, writer Ksheerasagar, Gundlupet's Sai Pragthi Foundation President Dr.S. Rathnamma, Tribal leaders Somanna, Jayappa and Manjunath, Budakattu Moolanivasigala Jagruta Vedike President Basappa Lingapura, Vedike's H.D. Kote Taluk President S. Ravi and others were present.

Illegal water pipes discovered

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One of the MGP members pointed out that in apartments and complexes where water is being supplied from local borewells within their premises, no bill is charged for utilising Underground Drainage (UGD) facility though they are connected to the main UGD line. This results in large loss of income to the MCC.

AMRUT scheme works

Responding to other questions, VVWW Asst. Executive Engineer Fauzulla Mustaffa said that development works are being carried out under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation Scheme at Melapura, Hongalli, Belagola and Kabini at Bidaragudu pump houses. "The works include enhancement of existing pump houses to a higher capacity and erect water treatment plants. The projects which were delayed due to COVID-19 is expected to be completed by next year which would enable water supply for at least two hours a day throughout the city," he added.

MGP President B.V. Shivamurthy, Working President Ashwathnarayan, Secretary Pradeep, Treasurer K.V. Ramanath, Executive Committee Member Raghavendra, members B.S. Shankara, Arun Kumar Shettar, Akshatha and others were present.

Regularisation in 8 months

Drinking water supply is a 120-year-old system in city and many pipelines may have been laid all these years to supply water. In the process, some of them may be illegal too like we found on Irwin Road. We have disconnected water supply anticipating residents to come forward to get re-connections. But no one has come forward yet.

As per an estimate, there are over 12,000 to 15,000 illegal water connections and steps are being taken to regularise them. Two squads — Cauvery and Kapila — are visiting houses and installing water meters. On an average, over a dozen illegal tap connections are regularised daily. In case of economically weaker sections, the meters are installed free of cost and are regularised on the spot. This process will pick up once we receive the next consignment of water meters. We are planning to complete the regularisation drive in the next 6-8 months."

— Mohammad Fauzulla Mustaffa, AEE, VVWW

KSRTC bus service resumes

Nine demands fulfilled by the Government

Mysuru, Dec.15 (RK&SSV)- KSRTC bus service to sub-urban and city resumed this morning after four days of indefinite strike by a section of employees urging the State Government to consider them as the Government employees.

The strike was called off on Monday evening after the Government fulfilled 9 of the total ten demands put forth by the striking employees. However, it was non-committal on extending 6th Pay Commission to KSRTC workers in view of the current financial condition. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has already ruled out considering the KSRTC employees as the Government employees as the workers of other Corporation would also demand the same.

Senior officials of sub-urban and city bus services confirmed running of all buses and schedules since this morning and also attendance of all workers.

- Health Insurance cover for all employees.
- Rs.30 lakh compensation to workers who die on CORONA-19 duty as given to Govt. employees.
- Committee to be set up to formulate rules for inter-Corporation transfer.
- Reducing training period of workers from two years to one year.
- Implementing Human Resources Management System in KSRTC.
- Incentive for working overtime.
- System to check exploitation of workers in depots.
- Alternative system in place of Not Issued-Not Collected system.
- Decision on implementing 6th Pay Commission depending upon the state financial condition.

Aerospace Scientist

Roddam Narasimha passes away

Bengaluru, Dec. 15- Eminent Aerospace Scientist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Roddam Narasimha passed away at a private hospital here yesterday night. He was 87. He was admitted to the hospital on Dec. 8 after he suffered a brain haemorrhage.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter. Last rites will be conducted today.

A former Director of the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), he had played a key role in the design and development of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas.

Born on July 20, 1933, Professor Narasimha made a mark in the field of aerospace and as a fluid dynamicist. He taught Aerospace Engineering at the IISc from 1962 to 1999. He also served as the director of the National Aerospace Laboratories from 1984 to 1993.

He was the Chairperson of the Engineering Mechanics unit at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) in Bengaluru from 2000 to 2014.

The Government of India had bestowed Padma Vibhushan, the second-highest civilian award of India, in 2013. Narasimha was also the recipient of the Bhatnagar Prize, and the 2008 Trieste Science Prize.

A Fellow of the Royal Society and a Foreign Associate of both the US National Academy of Engineering and the US National Academy of Sciences, he was a Distinguished Alumnus of both the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

PM Narendra Modi tweeted, **"Shri Roddam Narasimha personified the best of India's tradition of knowledge and enquiry. He was an outstanding scientist, passionate about leveraging the power of science and innovation for India's progress. Pained by his demise. Condolences to his family and friends. Om Shanti."**

Obituary

Alice John Vallickad

Mysuru, Dec. 15 - Alice John Vallickad (68), former Syndicate Bank Manager and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband John Mathew, children Matthew, Brigitta, Thresi and Chrisitan and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral will be held on Dec. 17 (Thursday), 11 am at Holy Cross Church, Belavadi, according to family sources.

Mohammed Abdulla

Mohammed Abdulla alias Babu (56), a resident of Lashkar Mohalla, passed away this morning in city following heart attack.

A bachelor, he leaves behind his brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed after Zohar prayers (2 pm) at Masjid Dargahi on Sawday Road today, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to sources.

Contract UGD workers protest enters 2nd day

Mysuru, Dec.15 (RKB&DM)- The indefinite stir launched by contract Underground Drainage (UGD) workers of Mysuru City Corporation, in front of MCC Office on Sayyaji Rao Road, seeking regularisation of service and payment of breakfast allowance, entered the second day today.

Addressing the protestors, Pourakarmika leader N. Mara urged the Govt. to fufill their demands, which he said were just adding that the stir will continue till the demands are met.

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Need permanent solution to stop garbage dumping at Vijayanagar

Dumping of garbage of all types near Teju Corner, Canara Bank Water Tank in Vijayanagar 4th Stage has become an eyesore in the locality. Residents allege that though complaints are given and the place cleaned, garbage is continued to be dumped regularly which remains uncleared for many days resulting in the garbage getting scattered all over due to wind and foul smell emanates from it as soon as it gets rotten because of rain. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the place cleared at the earliest and also take steps to prevent dumping of garbage in future.

Overgrown weeds housing reptiles at Bannimantap

Overgrown bushes, creepers and other plants on CV Road 4th Cross in Bannimantap 'A' Layout is housing snakes and reptiles resulting in the residents living in a sense of fear, allege residents, who have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the creepers and weeds cleared on time.

Clamour grows for inclusion of Layouts within MCC purview

Residents of Vijayanagar Third Stage, Fourth Stage First Phase do not want to be included in Hootagalli CMC

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RKB&BCT)- Amidst the State Government's recent move to form City Municipal Council for Hootagalli, residents of areas living near such places are demanding the Government to include their areas to the boundaries of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Recently, the State Cabinet approved the formation of Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) and Bogadi, Srirampura, Rammanahalli and Kadakola Town Panchayats and notified the same in the State Gazette.

The issue of residents of some of the Layouts formed by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) demanding inclusion into MCC limits is not a new one. While the MCC officials had made it clear that the Layouts near the Outer Ring Road (ORR) that were among the MUDA-transferred Layouts cannot be brought under MCC's purview as they were outside the geographic jurisdiction of the MCC.

Even after some of the Layouts were handed over to the MCC maintenance, residents have complained that the MCC was not issuing Khatas though the sites have been allotted by MUDA. They allege that the MCC was asking them to produce all the documents all over again for getting the Khatas.

The latest Layouts to demand inclusion in the MCC limits are Vijayanagar Third Stage, Fourth Stage First Phase and some of the areas adjoining the Ring Road. A meeting in this regard was held on Sunday and it was organised by Vijayanagar Third Stage Residents Welfare Association at V.K. Recreation Club premises in front of Sapthamathruke Temple.

Over 200 residents of Garudachar Layout, Cauvery Layout, Wild Grass, Chennegowda Layout, Subramanyanagar, Vijayanagar Fourth Stage First Phase, and those Layouts that come under the inner area of Ring Road participated in the meeting. Vijayanagar Third Stage Residents Welfare Association President Ravikumar chaired the meeting.

Paid taxes to MCC

The residents alleged that they had given memorandums many times to the MCC but the Layouts are yet to be taken over by the civic body. "Recently, the Hootagalli CMC was formed by the Government and our areas have been included there. This is unfair and unjust. We have been paying taxes to the MCC since 2007 and we have obtained building plan, Completion Report and Layout markings from the MCC. Still we have been included in Hootagalli CMC," residents alleged.

Till now, the MCC had taken the responsibility of collecting garbage, fixing water connections and maintaining streetlights. "Now suddenly and unscientifically, the Layouts have been brought under Hootagalli CMC," they said.

The meeting resolved to take the fight to a court of law. "There is no alternative but to fight legally," the residents said.

They demanded that the areas be included under MCC jurisdiction and warned that they will be forced to approach the court against the unscientific inclusion. They also said that they will apprise Mysuru District Minister and the Urban Development Minister regarding the issue.

President of Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Development Corporation Kote M. Shivanna, Vijayanagar Third Stage Residents Welfare Association office-bearers K.T. Govindaraju, Manjappa, Somashekar, Ramanayak, Sundar, Ravikumar, Dinesh, Srinivasa Reddy, Prasad, Somanna and others were present.

New office-bearers of Mysuru Realtors Association

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (KS)- The following persons have been elected as the new office-bearers of Mysuru Realtors Association for the year 2020-22 at the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held on Dec. 6 at a private hotel in city.

The new office-bearers are: President - K. Madhusudhan; Vice-President - M.S. Rajesh; Secretary - P. Mahaveer; Joint Secretary - G. Santosh and Treasurer - B.R. Sathyanarayana, according to a press release.

Let Mysuru become the focal point for mythological plays: MLA

Mysuru District Theatre Directors, Musicians and Harikatha Singers Association formed

Mysuru, Dec.15 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas had promoted mythological plays, culture and literature, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda said that Mysuru should become the focal point for spreading the aura of mythological plays.

He was speaking after presiding over the inauguration of Mysuru District Theatre Directors, Musicians and Harikatha Singers Association at Kalamandira here on Sunday.

Noting that decades ago, mythological plays used to be performed for nearly three months at a stretch during harvest season, Devegowda regretted that such performances have become a rarity now with other forms of entertainment pervading all over.

Pointing out that mythological plays have become extinct in most of the places, he stressed on the need for taking measures for saving this unique artform from becoming totally extinct.

Principal District and Sessions Judge of Hassan C.K. Basavaraj, in his address, regretted that mythological plays are losing their sheen with the advent of modern entertainment forms.

Noting that most of the youths today are increasingly getting attracted to cinema, he expressed disappointment that at the same time there was a sharp decline in the interest towards mythological plays.

Highlighting the significance of theatre, Basavaraj said that it was happy to note that the Association has been formed at this critical juncture when the theatre is facing the threat of becoming a non-entity amidst the influence of modern entertainment forms.

'Danashoora Karna', a mythological play directed by H.P. Nagendra Prasad, was performed on the occasion.

MLA G.T. Devegowda drew the attention of the gathering by singing several theatre songs.

Adichunchanagiri Shakha Mutt Seer Sri Someshwarnatha Swamiji, Kaginele Gurupeetha's Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji, Vangipura Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Social activist K. Raghuram, Association Hon. President Jnanesh Guddappa, Working President Nataraj, Convenor C. Satish, Harikatha exponent Vijayadas, former Forest Officer Marigowda and others were present at the programme.

Bags JSS Book Award

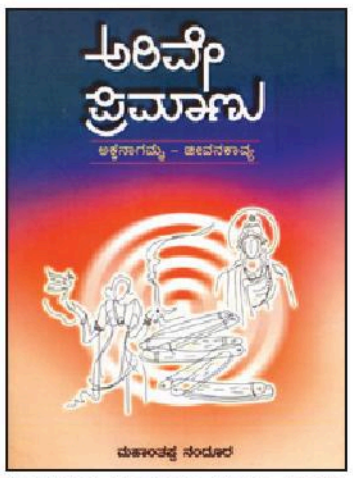
Mahantappa

Mysuru, Dec.15- Littérateur Mahantappa Nandur has bagged the coveted 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara Award' given by Jagadguru Shivaratreeshwara Religious Endowment Trust, Mysuru.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation. Nandur gets the award for his work titled *'Arive Pramaanu-Akkanagamma Jeevanakavya.'*

Mahantappa Nandur, who is a Railway employee, hails from Kalaburagi district. After serving as a lecturer for some time, he joined the Railways.

A passionate writer, Nandur has many works to his credit,



including *Doorada Pada, Jeeva Kolalu, Kalyanavemba Pranati, Ananda Ninada, Naada Lokada Puttaraja Gavaiigalu* and *Udakadolagana Benki.*

The award is being given by the Trust every year since 1983 for best works and so far, 31 books have been selected for the award in the past 37 years.

40-day theatre training camp for women from Jan.1

Mysuru, Dec. 15- City's theatre group 'Sanchalana Mysuru' will be conducting a 40-day free theatre training workshop for women, from Jan.1, 2021 to Feb.10, 2021. Noted theatre personalities and resource persons from across the State will be part of the camp.

A host of theatre related topics such as history of theatre, Indian and Western theatre traditions, language and theatre, theatre music, actor and acting, dialogues, *samara kale* and others will be taken up and discussed during the 40-day theatre training workshop.

The main objective of the camp is to create awareness on the need for making the society active and responsive.

The camp will be held at Kalamandira premises between 4 pm and 7 pm on all days. Entry is free. Only 30 women will be admitted to the camp and early applicants will be given first priority.

The camp will be conducted in accordance with COVID-19 protocol guidelines issued by the Government. For details, call Mob: 98450-75762.

Micro-loans for women

Mysuru, Dec.15- Karnataka State Women Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible women's groups to avail micro-loans for the year 2020-21. SC/ST Sthree Shakti Groups are eligible to avail interest-free loan amount of Rs. 3 lakh and Rs. 2 lakh for Sthree Shakti Groups belonging to other communities.

Applications can be had from Office of Child Development Project Officer in their respective taluks and submit the filled-in applications before Dec. 22. Duly filled forms (3 copies) with relevant documents should be submitted at the Office of Child Development Project Officer, Mysuru City – Ph: 0821-2491962; Mysuru Rural (0821- 2567940); T. Narasipur (08227-261267); Nanjangud (08221-226168); Hunsur (08222-252254); H.D. Kote (08228-255320); K.R. Nagar (08223-262714); Periyapatna (08223-27474).

Selected for Honorary Membership of Kannada Sahitya Parishat

Veena Shantheshwara *Go. Ru. Channabasappa* *Ham. Pa. Nagarajaiah* *Doddarangegowda* *G. Venkatesh*

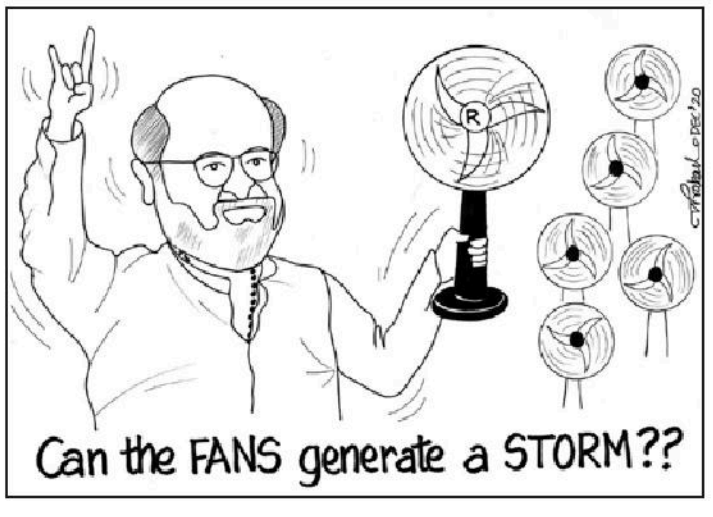
Bengaluru, Dec. 15- Writer Veena Shantheshwara, folk scholar Go.Ru. Channabasappa, veteran scholar Ham. Pa. Nagarajaiah, well-known poet Doddarangegowda and writer Mallepuram G. Venkatesh have been given Honorary Membership of Kannada Sahitya Parishat. The Parishat has also announced an honorarium of Rs. 1 lakh each for the awardees.

Disclosing this at a press meet recently, Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Manu Baligar, said, "Since 1985, Kannada Sahitya Parishat has been following the tradition of felicitating dignitaries for their service to Kannada land and language. Out of the five Honorary members selected earlier, except for H.J. Lakkappagowda, remaining four are no more with us. Parishat members have increased manifold in recent years. Hence, we decided to award Honorary Memberships to these five distinguished writers this year."

"During the selection process, we have considered the names of notable personalities who have not presided over Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana and have not been honoured with Jnanpith, Nrupatunga or Saraswati Samman awards. The award carries a copper plaque and honorarium, which is being given for the first time this year. Selected Honorary Members will remain life-time members of the Parishat and the Parishat will also publish a book highlighting the essence of their complete works and achievements," he added.

Members of Selection Committee S.R. Vijayashankar, Hon. Treasurer P. Mallikarjunappa, Hon. Secretary K. Rajkumar and Convenor of Parishat's publication division Padmaraja Dandavathi were present at the press meet.

TEASER By N. Prakash



WORD OF THE DAY

Antediluvian

Pronunciation: an-tih-dih-LOO-vee-un.
Meaning: Of or relating to the period before the flood described in the Bible; made, evolved, or developed a long time ago; extremely primitive or outmoded.
Origin: Before there was antediluvian, there were the Latin words ante (meaning "before") and diluvium (meaning "flood"). In the 1600s, English speakers were using antediluvian to describe conditions they believed existed before the great flood described in the biblical account of Noah and the ark. By the early 1700s, the word had come to be used as both an adjective and a noun referring to anything or anyone prodigiously old. Naturalist Charles Darwin used it to characterise the mighty "antediluvian trees" some prehistoric mammals might have used as a food source, and in his American Notes, Charles Dickens described an elderly lady who informed him, "It is an extremely proud and pleasant thing ... to be an antediluvian."

THE ODD WORD

Aberuncators

Long tool for pruning tall branches.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A place for everything and everything in its place

Meaning: That everything should have somewhere to be stored and that it should be tidily returned there when not in use.
Origin: This proverb is variously associated with Samuel Smiles, Mrs Isabella Beeton and Benjamin Franklin. The Oxford Book of Quotations dates it from the 17th century. Such a reference is usually accurate, although the authors supply no evidence for their assertion. If correct, it would pre-date all of the above notables. If it is indeed that old, it has made heroic efforts to keep itself out of print. It may be that the Oxford book is making a reference to a line in *A Century of Sermons,* John Hacket, Bishop of Lichfield, 1675: The Lord hath set every thing in its place and order.
That isnt the full proverb as we now use it though, which we can't find any printed citations of from before the late 18th century. It appears in a story published by the Religious Tract Society in 1799 - The Naughty Girl Won:
Before, however, Lucy had been an hour in the house she had contrived a place for everything and put everything in its place.
Several other early citations are from nautical contexts, which isn't surprising considering the need to conserve space and promote tidiness aboard ship. Here's an example from Frederick Marryat's Masterman Ready; or the Wreck of the Pacific, 1842: "In a well-conducted man-of-war every thing is in its place, and there is a place for every thing."

QUOTE BOX

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. **— Nelson Mandela**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SEALED X

Answer: Sealed with a kiss.

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	6	4	5	3	9	2	7
9	4	7	6	8	2	5	3	1
5	3	2	9	7	1	4	8	6
4	2	3	7	9	6	1	5	8
1	9	8	3	4	5	7	6	2
6	7	5	2	1	8	3	4	9
7	6	1	8	3	4	2	9	5
2	5	4	1	6	9	8	7	3
3	8	9	5	2	7	6	1	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

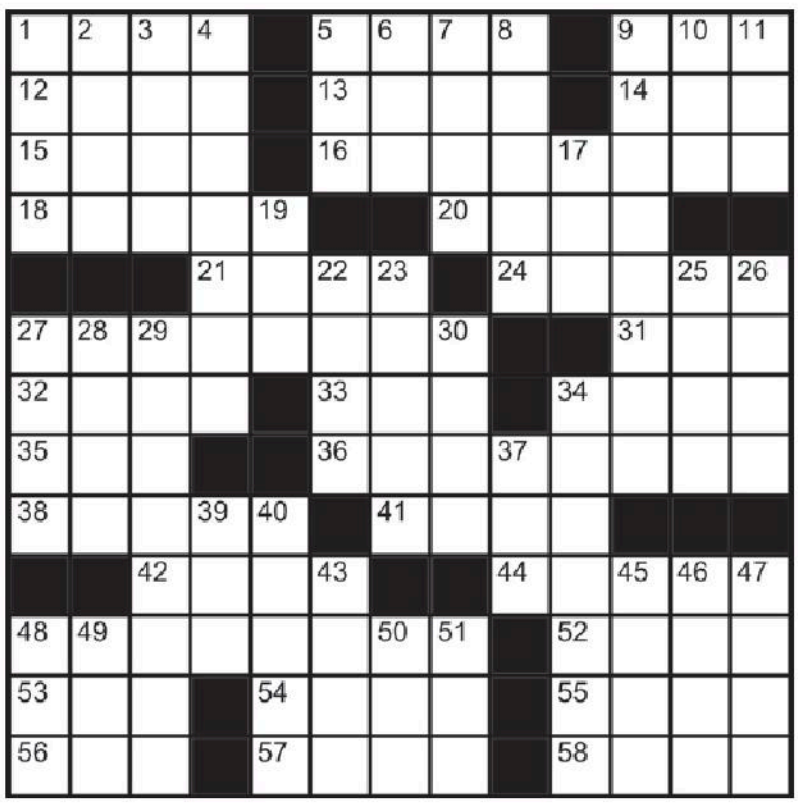
1 A Channel Island
5 In a ___ : in a state of panic
9 Suffix to denote continuation?
12 604 in Rome
13 American university
14 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
15 Against
16 Pest or irritation
18 "Grecian Urn" poet
20 Soybean product
21 Jewel-stone
24 Stalks
27 Retrieved, saved or recovered
31 Maiden-name
32 Between two ports
33 In the past
34 "A den" unsuitable for a girl?
35 Head covering
36 Severe or stringent
38 A valuable fur
41 "T" in T.V.
42 Reduced Instruction Set Comp.
44 Intestinal bacteria (1,4)
48 Distinctiveness, individuality or personality
52 Ivan or Peter
53 By way of
54 Honolulu's island
55 Besides, in addition
56 Tibetan ox?
57 Sonnet or verse
58 Morse code constituents: ___ and dashes

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	E	M		W	R	I	T		A	C	N	E
A	M	A		A	O	N	E		R	O	O	T
H	I	G	H	L	I	F	E		S	Y	N	C
T	R	I	A	L		O	T	O	E			
			G	O	T		H	A	N	D	E	L
C	B	S		P	E	R		K	A	R	M	A
O	I	L	S		A	I	L		L	O	I	N
D	R	A	P	E		G	A	P		P	T	A
A	D	V	E	R	B		C	O	W			
			C	R	I	B		T	O	R	A	H
M	O	D	I		H	A	R	A	K	I	R	I
A	R	E	A		A	B	U	T		P	U	L
R	E	E	L		R	E	M	O		E	N	O

DOWN

1 U.S. State, for short (1,3)
2 Pimply condition of adolescence
3 Singer Coolidge
4 Petra ____ : 2014 Wimbledon Women's Singles Champion
5 Danish island
6 Fijian island
7 Settled, came back to earth?
8 Mexican money
9 Hint; aspersion
10 The Big Apple
11 A sound of encouragement to a horse
17 Back or behind for the sailor
19 Hydrotherapy site
22 Laboratory gel
23 Lawful colloquially speaking
25 Bill of fare
26 Large water bodies
27 Wood cutting tools
28 A large continent
29 Ball that turns towards the off (3-5)
30 Venetian magistrate
34 Put up
37 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
39 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
40 Prevent by means of a legal authority
43 Goodbye - slang usage
45 Norway's capital
46 Most recent
47 Angers or rages
48 A climbing vine
49 Diameter, in short?
50 Definite article
51 Delicious



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QUEN X PXF X KUTD, XFY DN'II NXZ KGJ X YXW. QUEN

X KUTD X PXF, XFY DN'II NXZ KGJ MNNCT.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I couldn't wait for success, so I went ahead without it.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2020

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

MAKE MY WAY may repeat

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Following are the selections for the 6th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (Dec. 16, 2020):

1.	2.00 PM	**THE KUTTA PLATE, DIV. II**
		1,600 mts rated 20 to 45
		1. Time Traveller 2. Chilly Breeze
2.	2.30 PM	**THE PLANTERS PLATE**
		1,400 mts rated 00 to 25
		1. Run to Win 2. King Star
3.	3.00 PM	**THE KUTTA PLATE, DIV. I**
		1,600 mts rated 20 to 45
		1. Assendent 2. Surprise Package
4.	3.30 PM	**THE BRIG. C.D. MOHAN MEMORIAL PLATE**
		1,400 mts rated 40 to 65
		1. Aberlour 2. African Emperor
5.	4.00 PM	**THE KOVALAM PLATE, DIV II**
		1,200 mts rated 40 to 65
		1. Wind Power 2. King of the Jungle
6.	4.30 PM	**THE VARUNA PLATE**
		1,600 mts rated 60 and above
		1. Make My Way 2. Garrison
7.	5.00 PM	**THE KOVALAM PLATE, DIV I**
		1,200 mts rated 40 to 65
		1. Crimson Fire 2. Abinandan

DAY'S BEST: *WIND POWER*
DOUBLE : *1. ABERLOUR 2. MAKE MY WAY*
JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7*
I - TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II - TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*
EXACTAS: *6, 7*

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	(S-2)	10.50 am
	(S-3)	1.25 pm
	(S-4)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Indoo Ki Jawani (H)	(S-1)	7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	11 am, 1.40 pm, 4.15 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
		9.55 pm
Corona Virus (Te)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Sadhane Shikara (K)		
Pursoth Rama (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm, 4.40 pm

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Sadhane Shikara (K)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
Tenet (E)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 2.05 pm,
		5.30 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-3)	11.30 am
	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 6.55 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Jamshedpur hold Mumbai to a hard-fought draw

Players of Mumbai and Jamshedpur in action during yesterday's match at GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa.

Hero Indian Super League

Today's Match (Dec. 15)

HYDERABAD
Vs
EAST BENGAL
Tilak Maidan Stadium,
Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 16)

MOHUN BAGAN
Vs
GOA
Fatorda Stadium
Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

MUMBAI CITY - 1
drew with
JAMSHEDPUR - 1

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Bambolim, Dec. 15- Jamshedpur FC halted Mumbai City FC's winning run in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 after a 1-1 draw between the teams at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim yesterday.

Nerijus Valskis scored the game's opening goal inside 10 minutes, while Bartholomew Ogbeche levelled the score for Mumbai in the 15th minute. Jamshedpur's midfielder Aitor Monroy was then sent off before the half hour mark, but Mumbai couldn't make the extra man count as the teams shared the spoils.

The Islanders made a bright start to the game with Ogbeche producing a shot at goal from inside the box in the first minute.

His shot though was blocked by Jamshedpur players and Mumbai were soon in for a shock in the 9th minute after conceding possession deep in their own half.

Jackichand Singh received the ball near Mumbai's penalty area and drove into the box before crossing it for Valskis, who was characteristically clinical and slotted his attempt into the net confidently to give Jamshedpur a 1-0 lead.

Mumbai responded by going up the other end and scoring the equaliser through Ogbeche in the 15th minute. The former Nigerian international made amends for his miss in the first minute by opening up his body in the box to slot a square ball by Bipin Singh into the net.

In the 28th minute of the first half play, Monroy received his marching orders following a second yellow card. Ogbeche forced Jamshedpur's goalkeeper Rehenesh into making a sharp save on the brink of halftime but neither team managed to get another goal as the sides went into the break with the score levelled at 1-1.

The second half saw a fierce battle between the two teams fighting for the ball to net the winning goal but in vain as the match ended in a draw.

AWARDS

Hero of the Match – Peter Hartley; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match** – Jackichand Singh (Jamshedpur FC).

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 16)

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- **M. R. Rajappa Layavadya Sangeetha Pratishtana:** Mridanga Vidwan M.R. Rajappa Memorial Programme, Dr. Rajkumar and SPB Memorial Music programme, Rangageethegalu, film songs sung by Dr. Rajkumar and SPB and classical music programme, Dr. Mate Basavaanjali Devi of Sri Basava Jnana Mandira, inaugurates, Lakshmi Govindaraju of Dr. Rajkumar family and Film Producer Srinivas preside, Ramagovind Ranga Mandira, near Nrupatunga School, Opposite Sri Sai Baba temple, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**

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